Development fee in colleges

†3813. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of rupees are being charged as development fee every month from the students by various colleges apart from the tuition fee per month fixed in Delhi University; if so, the average amount being received by the colleges per month and out of this, the amount being received by the university; and

(b) if not, whether Government are considering to frame any rules for the development fee being charged by the colleges; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the University prescribes only the tuition fee and other university fees like enrolment fee, athletic fee and the university development fee, etc. The college fees and other charges, including College Development Fee, are prescribed by individual colleges based on the needs of such colleges and their students. These charges vary from college to college and it is not possible to maintain any uniformity in the fee structures of various colleges. However, the University Development Fee prescribed by and remittable to the university is Rs. 100 per annum.

(b) The Government has recently asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) for rationalization of fees in university/college system in accordance with a broad framework prepared on the basis of recommendations of various committees constituted by the UGC, from time to time, to examine the issue of fee restructuring. According to this framework, development fees should be allowed to be charged but the income therefrom should be utilized only for specific development purposes and be monitored through a committee with representation of parents, teachers, students and the local community.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.